Establishing Science City in Punjab

4395. SHRI KARTAR SINGH DUGGAL: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was a proposal to establish a Science City between Jalandhar and Kapurthala in Punjab for which the State Government had earmarked suitable land;

(b) if so, what has been the progress of this project;

(c) whether it is a fact that the funds provided for the proposed Science City are lying with the Centre and no progress is in evidence; and

(d) what are the chances of launching the project in right earnest in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. This Science City Project was taken up by the Pushpa Gujral Science City Society in April 2000. It is not a fact that funds are lying with the Centre. Centre has released funds as requested by the Society after ascertaining progress by a committee. 1st Phase is likely to be ready by the beginning of 2002. Project as a whole would take two additional years for completion.

Renovation of Ancient Monuments in Bihar

†4396. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Government have formulated any action plan for renovation of ancient monuments and temples in Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the total amount allocated by Government in this regard during last three years and the amount utilised out of that?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) and (b) In addition to normal maintenance, specific conservation of centrally protected monuments in Bihar are taken up as for the individual requirements subject to overall availability of resources.

(c) The original allocation of funds and expenditure incurred on the maintenance and structural conservation of the Centrally Protected Monuments in Bihar during the last 3 years is as under:—

Year	Original Allocation	Expenditure (In Rupees)
1998-1999	61,75,000/-	60,91,473/-
1999-2000	92,50,000/-	1,15,69,531/-
*2000-2001	73,00,000/-	84,93,401/-

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

* *Including monuments now falling in the State of Jharkhand*